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Enclosed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement of Tracey L. Colpitts *et al.* in the above-identified patent application entitled **REAGENTS AND METHODS USEFUL FOR DETECTING DISEASES OF THE REPRODUCTIVE TISSUES**.

Also enclosed are:

- Form PTO-1449, in duplicate
- Three (3) cited references as listed on Form PTO-1449
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Dear Sir:

The following information is submitted in the above-identified patent application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 and in accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56. This submission is not an admission that the documents cited herein are prior art as to the invention claimed.

The references submitted are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and a copy of each is enclosed. Review is respectfully requested, and the Examiner is asked to place his/her initials next to each reference listed on the form to indicate that the references were considered. Also enclosed is a copy of the PCT International Search Report dated August 7, 2000 (conducted by the ISA/EP) in International Application No. PCT/US00/01309.

Because this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits of the application, it is believed that, under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), no fee is due in connection herewith.

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